

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HIROYA KOIZUMI et al.

For: VEHICULAR LAMP

Art Unit: --

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TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(b) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts as required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 11-306810 published in Japan on November 5, 1999; and
- B. Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 4-40405 of April 6, 1992.

The above prior art A, which is in Japanese, is cited in the specification of the above-identified application, and a concise explanation of the relevance of this prior art is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). In addition, an English language abstract is attached thereto. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied, and an English concise explanation of this prior art is omitted herein.

Since prior art B is not in English and no English translation or English language abstract is available at this time to the undersigned, a concise explanation of the relevance of this prior art is presented below pursuant to 37 CFR 1.1.98(a)(3):

This prior art discloses a vehicular lamp comprised of a light bulb (12), a reflector (8) that reflects light from the light bulb in parallel light rays and a light guide plate (13) that guides light from the light bulb to the area where the reflector is not provided; and in this vehicular lamp

the end portion (14) which is of the light guide plate and is located in front of the reflector is formed (as seen from Fig. 3) at right angles with respect to the direction of the reflected parallel light rays.

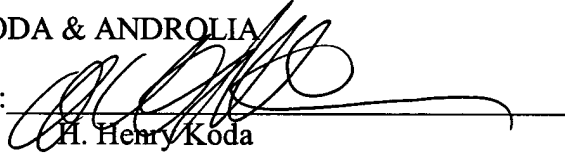
It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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